CoAP and IoT

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Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)

The IETF mission

- IETF's role: Specify the underlying, fundamental Internet technologies
- "Permissionless innovation" - others can build on top - unlike "App Stores" or Telco services.
- RFC3935: "The goal of the IETF is to make the Internet work better."
- Some well known achievements …
  - RFC791 The Internet Protocol.
  - RFC792 The Internet Control Message Protocol.
  - RFC821 The Simple Mail Transfer Protocol.
  - RFC768 User Datagram Protocol.
  - RFC959 The File Transfer Protocol.
  - RFC793 The Transmission Control Protocol.
  - RFC854 Telnet Specification.
  - RFC1119 Network Time Protocol.
  - RFC1157 A Simple Network Management Protocol.
  - RFC1035 Domain names - implementation and specification.
  - RFC1945 Hypertext Transfer Protocol.
  - RFC2131 Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol.
  - RFC3261 The Session Initiation Protocol.
  - RFC6455 The WebSocket Protocol.
  - RFC5321 Simple Mail Transfer Protocol.
  - RFC7540 Hypertext Transfer Protocol Version 2.
  - RFC6749 The OAuth 2.0 Authorization Framework.
  - RFC4271 The Border Gateway Protocol.
  - RFC4287 The Atom Syndication Format.
  - RFC4251 The Secure Shell (SSH) Protocol Architecture.
  - RFC8200 Internet Protocol, Version 6 (IPv6) Sepcification.

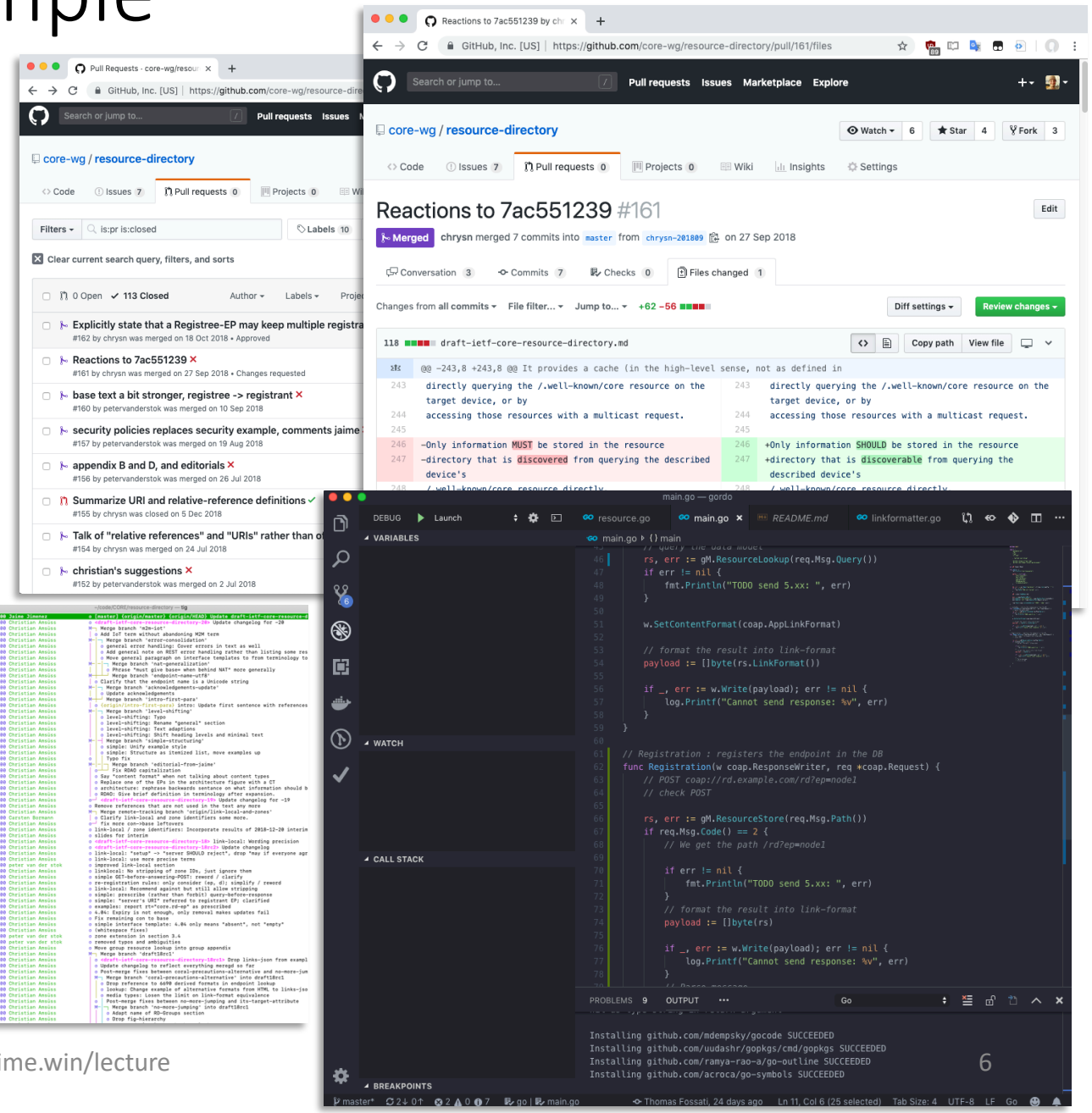
”Rough consensus and running code"

Ways of working: RD Example

Working on the draft
https://github.com/core-wg/resource-directory

Working on the code
https://github.com/thomas-fossati/gordo

Other examples
https://github.com/Ell-i/coap-rd
https://github.com/nning/core-rd



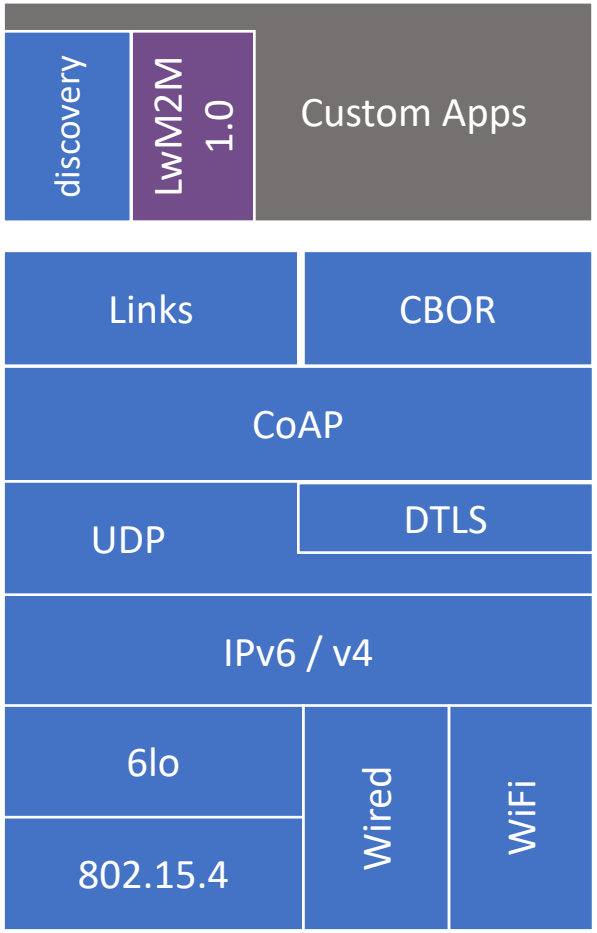
Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP)

IETF: dozen+ years of IoT standards

RFC 2689	RFC 3485	RFC 3544	RFC 3819	RFC 3940	RFC 3941	RFC 4629
RFC 4919	RFC 4944	RFC 5049	RFC 5401	RFC 5740	RFC 5856	RFC 5857
RFC 5858	RFC 6282	RFC 6469	RFC 6568	RFC 6606	RFC 6775	RFC 6690
RFC 7049	RFC 7228	RFC 7252	RFC 7388	RFC 7390	RFC 7400	RFC 7641
RFC 7668	RFC 7744	RFC 7925	RFC 7959	RFC 8075	RFC 8132	RFC 8152
RFC 8307	RFC 8323	RFC 8376	RFC 8392	RFC 8424	RFC 8516	…and more

Connectivity WGs Application WGs Security WGs

Standards Device Stack



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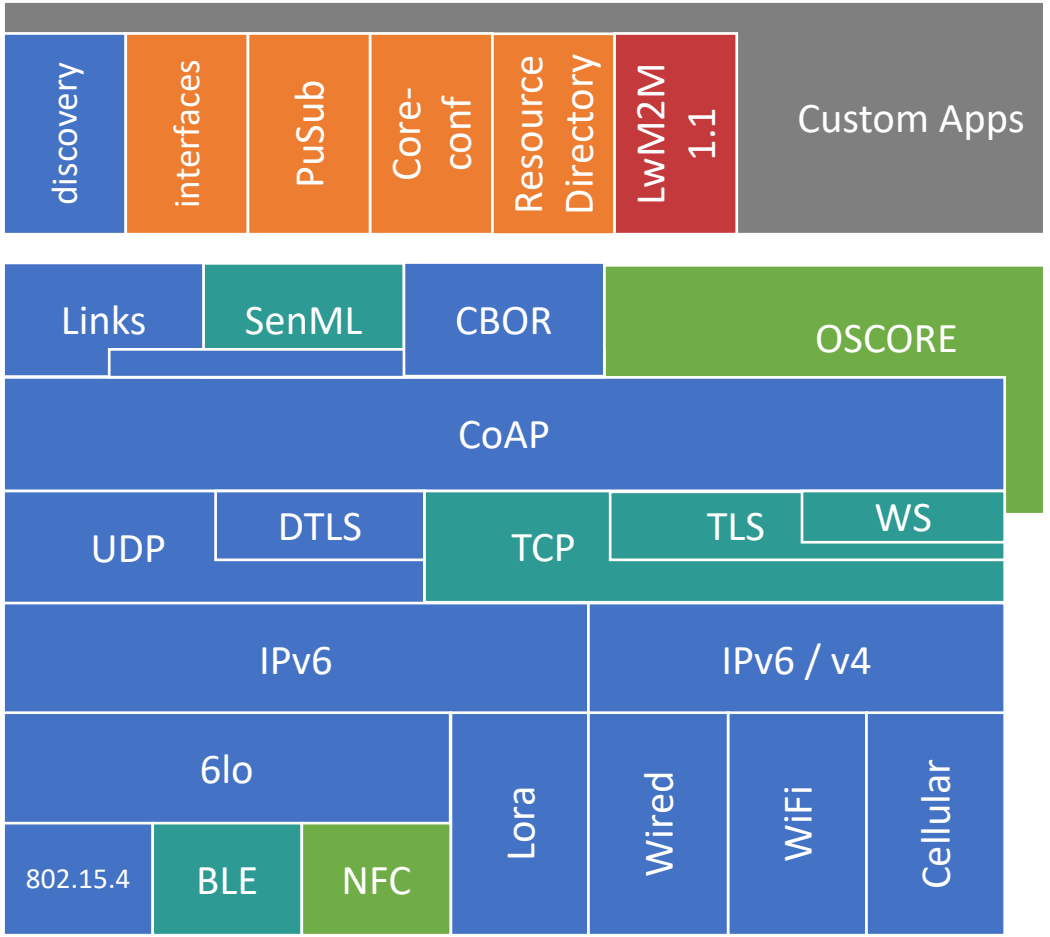

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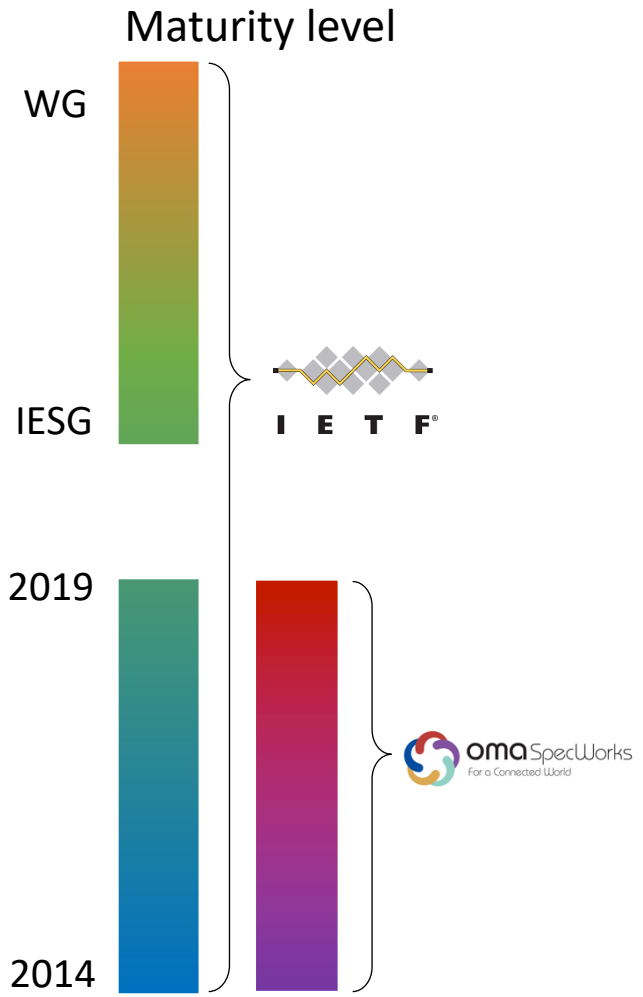
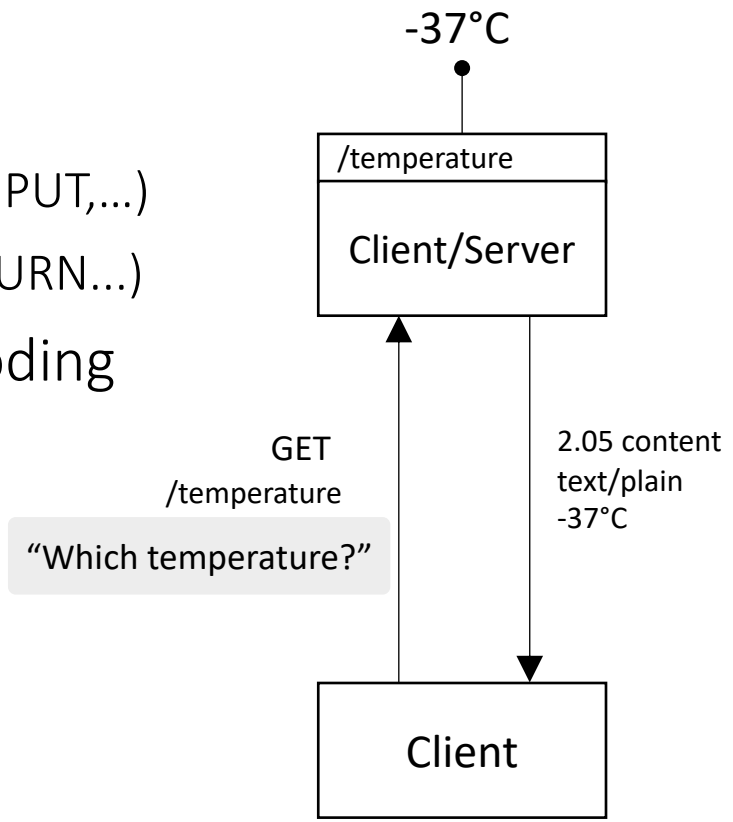


The **Co**nstrained **A**pplication **P**rotocol (**CoAP**)

- CoAP (RFC7252) implements HTTP's **REST** model
  - Simple devices: 100 to 250 KiB code and 10 to 50 KiB RAM
  - Each device can be client and server exposing resources
  - CoAP defines methods to access those resources (GET, POST, PUT,...)
  - Same key concepts borrowed from HTTP (Media types, URL, URN...)
- Has a compact 4-byte header, with simple options encoding
- Simple protocol, datagram (UDP, DTLS)
  - Reliability through header message type "*CON/NON*"
  - With TCP/TLS (RFC8323) support for NAT-ed environments
- The Resource Directory provides a directory service

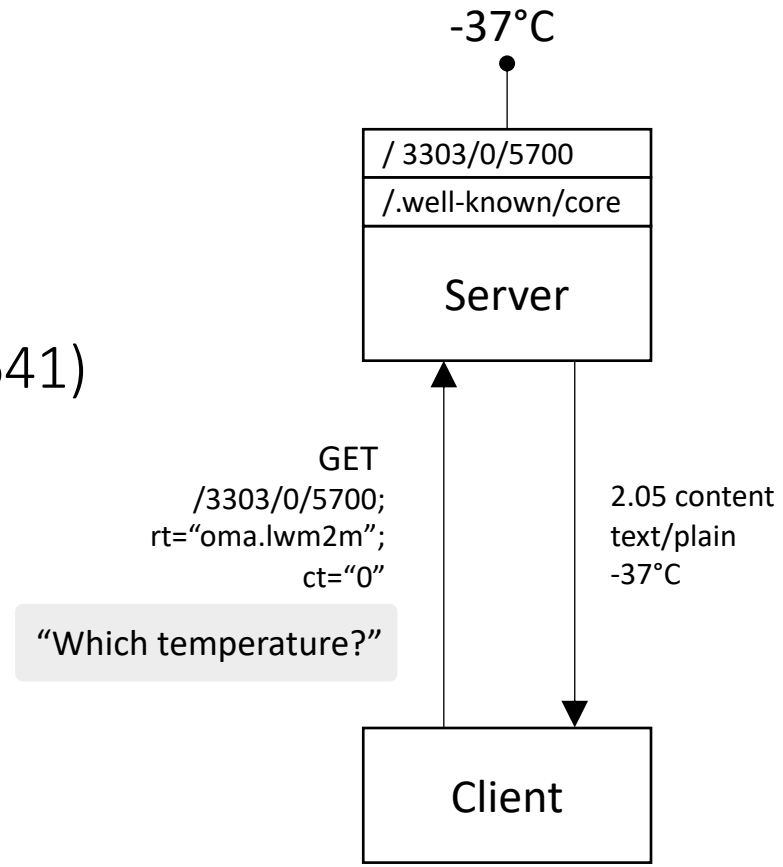


The Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP)

- CoRELink (RFC6690) provides a link format
  - Reuses Web Linking RFC5988 for IoT.
  - Enables query parameters for discovery (lt, gt…)
  - Enables attribute and relation types (rt, if, sz).

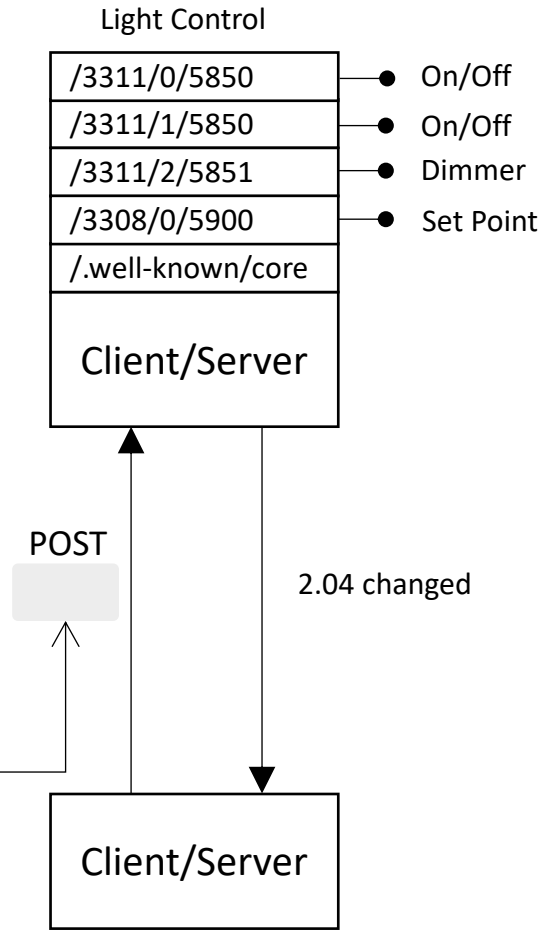
    `<3303/0/5700>;rt="oma:lwm2m:temp";ct="0"`
- Notifications available through *observe* option (RFC7641)
  - Can observe and add query parameters to the observation

    `<3303/0/5700?lt=0>`
- The *"/.well-known/core"* URI provides discovery
- Multiple serialization formats used with CoAP
  - SenML (RFC8428): Minimalistic JSON
  - CBOR (RFC7049): Binary serialization
- Multiple implementations available at coap.technology



Example Actuation

- When using IPSO actuation is handled with executable (E) resources as well as readable and writeable ones (RW).
  - Parameters needed for actuation are passed along on resources.
  - Type and range of values are known to client based on the schema.
  - Actuation can use executable and writeable (EW) resources.



A server Write-Composite to switch off 2 light sources, dim a 3rd to 20% and set the thermostat to 18 degrees will have a JSON payload as shown in table below. Lights are all controlled by instances of IPSO Light Control Object (Object ID 3311), while thermostat is controlled by an instance of IPSO object Set Point (Object ID 3308).

```
[{"n":"/3311/0/5850", "vb":false},
{"n":"/3311/1/5850", "vb":false},
{"n":"/3311/2/5851", "v":20},
{"n":"/3308/0/5900", "v":18}]
```

Serialization Formats

SenML - JSON

```
[{"bn":"/3/0/","n":"0","vs":"Open
Mobile Alliance"},
{"n":"1","vs":"Lightweight M2M
Client"},
{"n":"2","vs":"345000123"},
{"n":"3","vs":"1.0"},
{"n":"6/0","v":1},
{"n":"6/1","v":5},
{"n":"7/0","v":3800},
{"n":"7/1","v":5000},
{"n":"8/0","v":125},
{"n":"8/1","v":900},
{"n":"9","v":100},
{"n":"10","v":15},
{"n":"11/0","v":0},
{"n":"13","v":1367491215},
{"n":"14","vs":"+02:00"},
{"n":"16","vs":"U"}]
```

SenML-CBOR

```
90 a3 21 65 2f 33 2f 30 2f 00 61 30
03 74 4f 70 65 6e 20 4d 6f 62 69 6c
65 20 41 6c 6c 69 61 6e 63 65 a2 00
61 31 03 76 4c 69 67 68 74 77 65 69
67 68 74 20 4d 32 4d 20 43 6c 69 65
6e 74 a2 00 61 32 03 69 33 34 35 30
30 30 31 32 33 a2 00 61 33 03 63 31
2e 30 a2 00 63 36 2f 30 02 01 a2 00
63 36 2f 31 02 05 a2 00 63 37 2f 30
02 19 0e d8 a2 00 63 37 2f 31 02 19
13 88 a2 00 63 38 2f 30 02 18 7d a2
00 63 38 2f 31 02 19 03 84 a2 00 61
39 02 18 64 a2 00 62 31 30 02 0f a2
00 64 31 31 2f 30 02 00 a2 00 62 31
33 02 1a 51 82 42 8f a2 00 62 31 34
03 66 2b 30 32 3a 30 30 a2 00 62 31
36 03 61 55
```

SenML-CBOR diagnostic

```
[{-2: "/3/0/", 0: "0", 3: "Open
Mobile Alliance"}, {0: "1", 3:
"Lightweight M2M Client"},
{0: "2", 3: "345000123"},
{0: "3", 3: "1.0"},
{0: "6/0", 2: 1},
{0: "6/1", 2: 5},
{0: "7/0", 2: 3800},
{0: "7/1", 2: 5000},
{0: "8/0", 2: 125},
{0: "8/1", 2: 900},
{0: "9", 2: 100},
{0: "10", 2: 15},
{0: "11/0", 2: 0},
{0: "13", 2: 1367491215},
{0: "14", 3: "+02:00"},
{0: "16", 3: "U"}]
```

CoAP Implementations

CoAP

RFC 7252 Constrained Application Protocol

"The Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) is a specialized web transfer protocol for use with constrained nodes and constrained networks in the **Internet of Things.**
The protocol is designed for machine-to-machine (M2M) applications such as smart energy and building automation."

coap.technology

coap-shell client

github.com/tzolov/coap-shell

https://asciinema.org/a/wPnbU56v1R3nkMafnmzaiB20B

go–coap server + coap-shell client

CoAP Client and Server for go

Features supported:

- CoAP over UDP RFC 7252.
- CoAP over TCP/TLS RFC 8232
- Observe resources in CoAP RFC 7641
- Block-wise transfers in CoAP RFC 7959
- request multiplexer
- multicast
- CoAP NoResponse option in CoAP RFC 7967

Not yet implemented:

- CoAP over DTLS

github.com/go-ocf/go-coap

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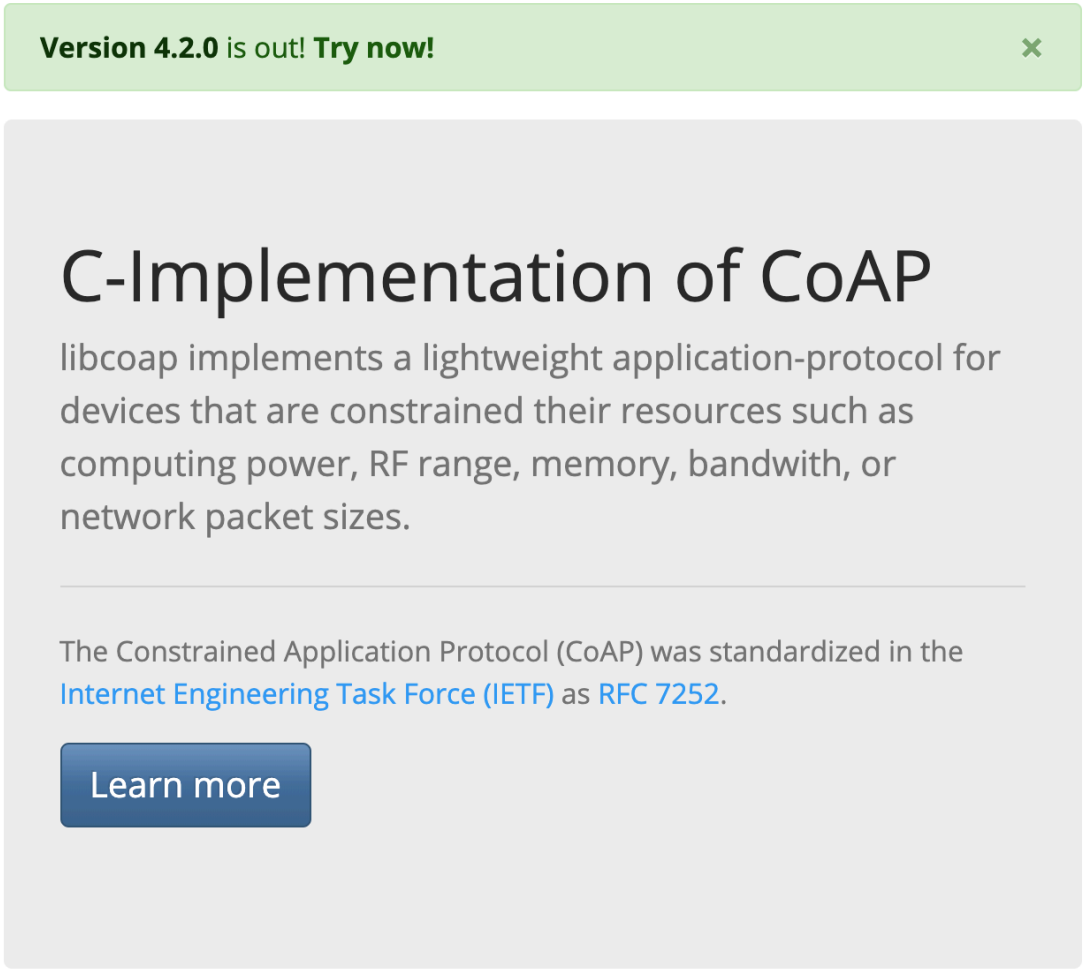
Libcoap client and server



github.com/obgm/libcoap

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